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## Biddle Talks to Bar Association About Japanese

"One of the most difficult and delicate problems presented by the war is that presented by the situation of American citizens of Japanese descent," stated Attorney General Francis Biddle in an address before the West Virginia Bar Association on October 9.

He told the Association of the military order evacuating over 100,000 persons from the West Coast to relocation centers established by the WRA. Biddle told the group that "roughly two-thirds of these people are American citizens by reason of their birth within the United States. The remaining one-third are aliens not considered sufficiently dangerous to be interned as enemy aliens under the procedure established for that purpose."

"I suppose that no group in the history of the country has ever been confronted with the degree of antipathy visited upon these Japanese—in terms which draw little distinction between

## LAST SHIPMENT OF HOGS ARRIVES

The fourth and last shipment of 50 hogs for the time being, arrived Wednesday, according to the Farming Division. Chief Clerk Y. Amamoto said that these hogs averaged from 50 to 75 pounds. This brought the total number of hogs to 329.

The fencing of an area for the cattle project has now been com-

pleted and the division is now awaiting the purchase of cattle.

Vegetables stored during October included Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, onions, hubbard squash and banana squash, according to the monthly report. Produce delivered to the pickling and dehydration plant during the month totaled 36½ tons, it stated.

citizens and aliens or between those who are loyal and disloyal to the United States."

### NOT INTERNED

Francis Biddle told them that persons in relocation centers are not interned, but under regulations, loyal citizens and law-abiding citizens may apply for temporary or indefinite leave. He told the group that the theory of the relocation program is that it is designed to assist rather than to restrict re-establishment in normal life. "So far as Japanese citizens of the United States are concerned, this theoretical basis of the program is probably essential to sustain its validity," the attorney general stated. "Detention of citizens on the sole ground of their race for a longer period than is necessary to separate the loyal from the disloyal and to facilitate resettlement in new communities is difficult to reconcile with the constitutional rights of citizens."

## Police Department Warns All Drivers

A warning to all drivers was given this week by Police Chief John L. Gilkey regarding the parking of vehicles too close to buildings and barracks.

"All drivers of vehicles parked too close to buildings or barracks any place in this camp will receive a ticket and if they continue to do so, their case will be taken before Project Director Ralph P. Merritt. The Police Department already has issued six citations during the past week for such violations, Chief Gilkey stated."

## Report 'Smokey' Stoves To Thorne

Oil stoves which are producing an excessive amount of smoke when lighted should be reported to Herbert Thorne, assistant construction superintendent of the Public Works Department. Fire Protection Officer Frank C. Hon warned this week.

The Fire Department answered a call at Warehouse 1 early Thursday morning and also answered a similar call at the Free Press Office, Mr. Hon revealed.

An antifreeze chemical will be put into fire extinguishers beginning next week, Fire Protection Officer Frank C. Hon reported today.

The chemical, sodium dichloromate, is difficult to obtain and residents are requested to cooperate with the Fire Department to see that children do not tamper with the extinguishers.

Chief Hon stated that this chemical is difficult to remove from clothes. Parents are asked to keep their children from playing with the extinguishers.

## Furlough Workers Return Thursday

Fifteen furlough workers returned Thursday night from Idaho, the Relocation Office announced this week. The contingent was composed of Saburo Kuramoto, Takashi Yamamoto, Isei Minato, Tsutomu Uyeda, Ken Ozeki, Charles Hamasaki, Mitsuyuki Wakashima, Soye Takuichi Wakashima, Kenneth Nakata, Jitsuzo Nakata, Jisaku Mitsui, Kyomatsu Yasutake, Mochiro Fujiwara, Ernie Kawauchi and Harry Hatta.

Others who have returned from furlough work since August include Henry Miyoshi, Joe Okoma Kamimura, Barney Yamamoto, Sakuo Nakahama, Giro Murakami, John Shimobayashi, Henry Umata Naritomo, Roy Kunieda, Takashi Minato, George Sakaye Wakita, Joe Kajii, Taira Fukushima, Wallace Takeyama, Yoshio Kakehashi, Juan Nakagi, Reijiro Nakagi, Shigeshi Yamano, Jack Akinaga, Harvey Okie, Teruo Arasuna, Isamu Ikebuchi, Tetsuo Yamamoto, Kiyoshi Nishimura, Frank Takeuchi, Sam Yoshimura, Dan Fukunaga, Mike Zoriki, Hiro Hino, Sentaro Arai, Fumio Fukui, Sabaichiro Sato and Robert Nakashima.

## SEND VOUCHERS

Vouchers for the August and September clothing allowances have been sent in according to word received this week from Robert B. Krueger, junior counselor, of the Clothing Allowance department. Residents will be notified as soon as the checks arrive from the Los Angeles disbursing office.

## Group Discusses On World Friendship

In observance of the "Week of Prayer and World Fellowship," November 14-20, the YWCA and the Young People's Fellowship group are having a worship service tomorrow evening at 7:30 at 19-15.

A program has been planned with the following places represented in a talk to be given by the young people: India, Africa, the United States, China, Latin America, Japan, and Europe.

Everyone is cordially invited to share this World Fellowship service, stated the Y staff.

by the first Army questioning group.

"Merritt emphasized that all instructions for satisfactory clearance of those evacuees requesting a rehearing on their cases came from Washington WRA headquarters, not Manzanar," the article said.

## Christian Science Monitor

### DEVOTES ARTICLES ON MANZANAR

In a recent edition of the Christian Science Monitor, an international daily newspaper printed in Boston, Mass., Manzanar Relocation Center received good publicity in a series of articles written by Rodney L. Brink, staff correspondent.

Mr. Brink coined the word "Manzanar-yan" in his articles in referring to Manzanar residents and quoted the Free Press

pictorial in assembling an interesting story.

"Recently youthful Manzanar-yan, to coin a word, set forth something of their feelings about their cantonment home, and by inference about their strange wartime experience, in a most ambitious pictorial edition of their camp paper, the Manzanar Free Press," wrote Mr. Brink.

## New Supervisor Tells Of Marked Change In Co-op

Lee C. Poole, new business enterprise superintendent of the Manzanar Consumers' Enterprises, saw more co-op mindedness among the people and a marked interest in relocation as the most predominant changes since the beginning of the Co-op when he was then assistant supervisor under Dr. William J. Bruce.

"I think the smoothness of operation in the Co-op is the result of experience in running a member-owned business. The accounting office has better control of the financial status and has learned the benefits of the retail control system. Everything is business-like, well attended to and the people seem to know what they are doing and why," stated Mr. Poole.

He is interested in seeing the Co-op intensify its educational work to the end that the residents will be better acquainted with the kind of cooperative they own; to increase interest in relocation and recognize the values of the Co-op method in the relocation of individuals and future family groups. "I am also hopeful for a greater membership participation in the Cooperative," stated Mr. Poole.

### SOUND ORGANIZATION

In regards to the operation of the Co-op, Lee Poole stated, "I don't see any reason for an attempt to change the present course of the Cooperative; it is sound in its organization and direction. I hold to the same Co-op idealisms as did Dr. Bruce."

"In the near future, we are expecting Don Alberson, former enterprise superintendent of Tulalake, to be here for a few weeks to find out the interest of the people of Manzanar in planning for and establishing a credit union here. The major factor of organizing such a union will be to make small loans to relocating families needing small capital to get started on."

Lee C. Poole, former associate procurement officer, came to this center in June, 1942, from Berkeley, California. While there, he was general manager of the University of California Student Cooperative Association. A graduate of the University in 1938, Mr. Poole had been associated with the Student Co-op there for six years.

His first job as associate superintendent of community enterprises was the undertaking of a cooperative education program for the people in Manzanar.

## Museum To Sponsor Christmas Gift Sale

Beginning December 1, a gift sale will be held at 8-15. The purpose of this sale will be to give people a chance to exchange products made in Manzanar by selling their own and buying that of others.

The Co-op will handle sales, and no limitations to the types and number of articles allowed in this exhibit will be made.

Residents are urged to enter their products in the exhibit, as, with the coming of Christmas, there is now a growing demand for Manzanar-made gift articles, stated Kiyotsugu Tsuchiya, director of the Visual Education Museum.

## Recognize Ikeda As 1000th Resettler

The privilege of being the thousandth person to resettle from Manzanar went to Sam Shigetaka Ikeda, 59-year-old issei from Pasadena, according to Senior Escort Ruth Cushion.

She also revealed that Ikeda was a member of the volunteer contingent and arrived here on March 23, 1942. He was then joined by his family from Tulare on August 23 of that year.

During his residence in Pasadena, he was a salesman and an employee of a boiler concern.

When plans for the evacuation of Japanese were made known, his daughter, Lily Yuri, resettled to Chicago while another son, Carroll, went to Lincoln, Nebr. Carroll is now attending a school there.

On December 11, 1942, his daughter, Dorothy Sachiko, left for Chicago and was joined by her brother, Otto Masaru, in 1943. Another son, Donald Kiyoshi, went to study in Lincoln, Nebr., while still another son, Albert Ikeda, remained at Tulare from where he was later transferred to Gila, Arizona. Besides these children, he has a son, William, in the armed forces and another son, Theodore Shikeyaki here in Manzanar.

Both his wife Asa and son Theodore will join him when suitable housing can be found, the Senior Escort revealed. Mr. Ikeda left for Chicago on November 5, 1943, to work as a boiler man for the Parkway Committee House.

"This is one of the typical family groups to resettle from Manzanar," Mrs. Cushion concluded.

## To Sponsor Ninth In Panel Discussions

"The Four Freedoms—What is the Peace for Which We Fight" will be the topic of the ninth panel discussion of the series being presented by Adult Education. Dr. Melvin Strong will be the chairman of this discussion which will be given this Wednesday from 7 p.m. at 7-10-4. Other members of the panel are Dr. Morris Opler, J. Benson Saks, Clyde Simpson, Rollin Fox and Dr. Genevieve Carter, announced the Adult Education Department.

Any persons who are interested in attending are welcome to come.

## Children's Night

Sokichi Sugimoto, general manager, announced that on Thursday, November 25, the Co-op will hold a children's night at the outdoor theater. Plans have been made to obtain features for the entertainment of small children in the center for Thanksgiving night.

## Evacuee Release Policy of WRA Questioned By News Reporter

Emphasizing the idea that Japanese evacuees are being released from relocation centers by a simple process accessible to any evacuee, Jack S. McDowell, correspondent for the San Francisco Call-Bulletin and the International News Service has written articles regarding Manzanar and published in a recent issue of the Los Angeles Examiner.

McDowell visited Manzanar Saturday, November 13, and showed special interest in the leave clearance procedure and relocation aspects of the WRA. Project Director Ralph P. Merritt was interviewed by the correspondent who stayed in this center but a few hours.

As result of the INS story released in Los Angeles, the United Press office in Los Angeles called the project director by telephone last Wednesday. From the conversation with Mr. Merritt, the UP released a parallel story which was printed in the Los Angeles Times.

The gist of the INS article lay in a paradoxical statement of the evacuees invented by McDowell: "Oh, so sorry, please. Not understanding your question. Oh-h-h, but signing to be very much loyal person now. Please to open door quickly!"

The article stressed that aliens are granted leaves much simpler than citizens. It also claims that Mr. Merritt "admitted" that no FBI or other investigations are made of the resettlers.

The United Press version as carried by the Times quotes Mr. Merritt as having said that the local administration had nothing to do with the release of evacuees who for any reason were deemed questionable or who had not immediately sworn allegiance to the United States when interviewed